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Letter dated 26 November 2012 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 13 November 2012 from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by resolution 1612 (2005), based on the conclusions adopted by the Working Group on 5 October 2012 (S/AC.51/2012/1) (see annex).

(*Signed*) Hardeep Singh **Puri**
President of the Security Council

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Annex

Letter dated 13 November 2012 from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict addressed to the Secretary-General

At its 32nd meeting, on 30 September 2011, the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the fourth report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in the Sudan (S/2011/413), covering the period from January 2009 to February 2011. At its 34th meeting, on 5 October 2012, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in the Sudan (S/AC.51/2012/1).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group, approved by the Security Council, and subject to and consistent with applicable resolutions of the Council, including 1612 (2005) and 1882 (2009), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, to convey the following:

The Working Group requests you to ensure, as a matter of priority, the strengthening of the monitoring and reporting mechanism on children and armed conflict in the Sudan with the participation of and in cooperation with the Government and relevant United Nations and civil society actors, so as to provide the timely, objective, accurate and reliable information necessary to ensure the fulfilment of reporting obligations to the Security Council, and requests that the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei ensure the security and freedom of movement of United Nations child protection personnel;

The Working Group further requests you to ensure that the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur and the United Nations country team, consistent with their respective mandates, collaborate with the Government and other parties to the conflict to develop and implement action plans to halt the recruitment and use of children in armed conflict in the Sudan;

The Working Group encourages you to strengthen, in close consultation with the African Union, the child protection capacity in the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur;

The Working Group requests you to submit two separate reports for the Sudan and South Sudan following the independence of South Sudan in July 2011.

(*Signed*) Peter **Wittig**
Chair
Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict